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**SACRAMENTO MAN GETS 13 MONTHS PRISON FOR BANK FRAUD AND
POSSESSION OF STOLEN MAIL**

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that BRANDON KEITH HARDIN, 33, of Sacramento, was sentenced today to 13 months in federal prison by United States District Judge Lawrence K. Karlton.

This case is the product of a combined investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Sacramento Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case, from December 2007 through February 2008, HARDIN engaged in a scheme with others to commit bank fraud by stealing identities and financial information from the U.S. Mail and altering checks so that he could cash them at banks in the Sacramento County area. HARDIN had been convicted of similar criminal conduct in March 2004.

HARDIN was also ordered to pay restitution and a \$300 special assessment. He will be on federal supervised release for 36 months following his term of incarceration.

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